

story is wonderful enough to interest and please every child without trying to add to its charm by silly fables about Santa Claus. I heard a crusty old man say once, "All this Christmas business is humbug." He meant, I suppose, that it is nonsense and useless to celebrate it as we do. But it is not nonsense; it is far from useless to celebrate the Savior's birth. Let us keep it with thankful reverence and with hearts filled with the spirit of good will to men. And now I want to tell you a secret:—The best and surest way to be happy on Christmas, or any other time, is to try to make somebody else happy. "He who would have a joy must share it, for happiness was born a twin."

Hagerstown, Md.

Missions

November Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

GENERAL FUND.

Aaron Showalter, Adrian, Mo.,	\$5 00
Collection at Liberty School House, Mo.,	1 15
A Sister, Columbus, Ohio,	25
Maple Grove Church, Norton Co., Kan.,	6 00
Lizzie Jacobs, Homerville, Ohio,	1 00
Eld J. L. Gillin, New York,	5 00
National S. S. C. E.,	20 00
S. S. C. E., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1 00
	39 50

CHICAGO FUND

U. M. Saylor, Morrill, Kan.,	25 00
S. S. C. E.,	12 05
J. Lichty,	10 00
A. W. Lichty,	10 00
Mrs. A. W. Lichty,	5 00
S. C. Flickinger,	10 00
Mrs. S. C. Flickinger,	10 00
W. Drugmiller,	5 00
M. Boyer,	5 00
Mrs. Bowman,	1 00
Mrs. Jennie Miller,	1 00
Mrs. Showalter,	25
Mrs. Billington,	1 00
Lydia Friend,	1 00
Fannie Kimmel,	1 00
Ida Resler,	50
Eld E. L. Yoder,	10 00
Col. Missionary Con.,	6 05
Samuel Miller,	1 00
Mary A. Meyers, Milledgeville, Ill.,	10 00
Mary Dunton, Brooklyn, Iowa,	5 00
Mrs. Esther Mohler, Brighton, Indiana,	5 00
Offerings Chicago Mission,	9 86
	144 71

EXPENDITURES

J. O. Talley, Chicago,	148 85
Previously Reported,	532 29
Total,	681 14

RECEIPTS

Previously Reported,	442 34
Month of November,	184 21
Total,	626 55
Balance due Secretary,	54 59

This report does not make a bad showing, but brethren, sisters, pastors churches, outside of Kansas and Nebraska, ask yourselves the question how much you have contributed for general Missions during the current church year, and then just listen for the echo, NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING, then in your next prayer-meeting testify that you have surrendered all to God.

JACOB C. CASSEL, Sec.

915 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Financial Report of Pennsylvania Mission Board for November.

Listie (conf.)	\$9 77
J. B. Wampler and wife,	1 00
S. H. Buzard and wife,	1 00
Robt. Whitaker and wife,	50
J. H. Knepper (Conf. Pledges),	24 00
Philadelphia church,	16 50
Total for Month,	47 77
Amount previously reported,	187 71
Total to December 1st,	\$235 48

Brethren and sisters this is not the average for November. Let us not lag. Our Evangelist is at work and doing good work but it involves expenses and they must be met. Make your remittances early. We are called for in South Fork in Warren county Pennsylvania and other places and the money can be used to good advantage.

R. Z. REFLOGLE, Sec.

Weekly Report of the Chicago Church Fund.

Amount previously reported,	\$1152 23
Brethren Sunday School, Middlebranch, O.,	2 62
Hugo Paul Wise,	3 00
J. S. Wisler and Wife, Nappanee, Ind.,	5 00
Brethren church, Ashland, Ohio,	20 00
Iscia Worst,	5 00
Will and Ida Meyers, McLouth, Kan.,	2 00
J. S. C. Spickerman, Maryville, Mo.,	1 00
Sylvanus Summers, Louisville, Ohio,	10 00
Brethren church, Summit Mills, Pa.,	35 00
John C. Stover, Gratis, Ohio,	10 00
Mr and Mrs. C. K. Kelsey, Swanton, Ohio,	10 00
	1255 85

The brethren will notice that the receipts of the past week have only been about one hundred dollars. There is always some difficulty in borrowing money on church property; investors do not advance nearly as much on it as on dwellings or properties used for business purposes. We will therefore not be able to borrow over four thousand dollars, consequently we must have over one thousand dollars more money yet before January 15th. If the church does not supply this some of us brethren will be compelled to use our private capital to secure the property or forfeit what has already been paid and expended. If the pastors will bring these facts before their churches the money will be forthcoming without any difficulty, or burden to any one.

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We know little what will become of our knowledge; we do know what will become of our power. One thing only never faileth; the charity which seeks the good of all to whom it can do good, the charity which detects good wherever it is to be found or to be advanced.—Dean Church.

15 Minutes

sufficient to give you most delicious tea biscuit using Royal Baking Powder as directed. A pure, true leavener.

Among the Churches

Allentown, Pa.

Our meeting has closed at Allentown. If we had not decided to hold a five weeks' meeting before we began, I am sure we would have closed the most discouraging meeting I ever held without an addition.

This meeting was indeed a faith and nerve tester. Soon after it began every hopeful case was cut off by sickness, with every appearance that they would be kept away during the entire meeting. Some of the most faithful workers were kept away three weeks by diphtheria. All the popular churches had meetings at the same time. Three of these closed for lack of interest.

With small, fluctuating congregations we labored and prayed for four weeks then the day dawned and the sun arose. Thru this testing ordeal I suggested that perhaps we had better close because of the heavy expense and no signs of visible results. But they said hold on to the end. *We held on.*

We now plainly see God's hand in the work. This trial has proven a great blessing to me and the church and for the benefit of all the Brethren church I want to make a few statements.

For some years I have tried by the grace of God never to become discouraged but to do faithfully my duty and leave the results with the Lord. It being *his* work and I *his servant* I ought to be satisfied to leave the results with him.

I remember that Noe preached one hundred and twenty years without a convert—save his own family. But look at the fruit of his work. Two thousand years later came the promised seed, who saved all the faithful before the flood, all the faithful since the flood, and all until the end of time. All the innumerable host of the redeemed are the fruit of the faithfulness of a man who preached 120 years without a convert. God's ways are not our ways.

1. This meeting was the best test of my faith that I ever experienced in revival work.

2. It lead me to my knees to the searcher of hearts more than ever before. The sweet communion and fellowship with God by spending from a half hour to two hours a day on my knees richly paid me for the severe test of this meeting. Brethren there is danger of us becoming "heady," depending too much upon self when everything goes easily. Praise God for the hard places.

3. I believe this lesson will teach me to pray and depend upon the Lord more when success seems to crown our efforts.

4. The lesson paid by teaching me what kind of a church I was preaching for. I do not believe that there is one church in a hundred that would have stood by the work as this church did under similar circumstances. Going to greater expense,